

UNIVERSAL PERSONAL IDENTIFIER FOR ACCESSING PATRON INFORMATION AT A GAMING VENUE

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method and apparatus for associating a patron with wagering game play at a gaming machine in a server-based gaming network is disclosed. The method includes associating a unique patron identification with the patron, establishing a patron account for the patron where the patron account is identified by the unique patron identification, associating the gaming machine with a universal personal identifier device for receiving a universal personal identifier having a patron identification where the universal personal identifier device is capable of detecting and transmitting the patron identification, receiving the patron identification, comparing the patron identification to the unique patron identification, and enabling collection of patron accounting data resulting from wagering game play if the patron identification matches the unique patron identification. The universal personal identifier device may be a card reader, a touch screen, a biometric device, a Bluetooth™ module device, a microchip scanner, or a combination thereof.